

STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

SYNOPSIS AGENDA/EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

CODE:	PL-01
COMMITTEE:	Policy and Legislative
DATE:	April 12, 2016

SUBJECT/TITLE

Abbeville County School District's (District) Waiver Request of State Board of Education (SBE) Regulation 2 S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 43-205 (R.43-205), Administrative and Professional Personnel Qualifications, Duties and Workloads

PURPOSE OF REPORT/REGULATION/ITEM

The purpose of this waiver request is to allow one principal to preside over Dixie High School without incurring an accreditation deficiency through the end of the district strategic and school renewal plan cycle (2018–19).

CRITICAL FACTS

SBE R.43-205 states that, “Each school must be staffed with a full-time properly certified principal/director whose duties and responsibilities must be prescribed by the district superintendent.”

Having one principal serve over both secondary and middle school grade levels creates an accreditation deficiency.

Dixie High School has a grade span of 8–12 and an enrollment of 448 students. Both middle and secondary students are housed on the same campus.

One principal, Ms. Lori Brownlee-Brewton, has both Elementary and Secondary Principal certifications. She will serve as principal over both middle and secondary students.

The District has implemented these changes into their existing strategic and school renewal plans under SBE R.43-261, District and School Planning.

This waiver would be effective through 2018–19, which is the last year of the district strategic and school renewal plan cycle.

TIMELINE/REVIEW PROCESS

October 2015–January 2016	SCDE accreditation team reviews school/district data and documentation for compliance to statutes, SBE regulations, and accreditation standards.
February 2016	Preliminary analysis reports and accreditation ratings are posted online for school and district viewing.
February 2016–March 2016	The South Carolina Department of Education (SCDE) accreditation team works with schools and districts to resolve accreditation deficiencies.
April 2016	The <i>2015–16 Annual Report of the Accreditation of School Districts in South Carolina</i> , containing the final accreditation status for schools and districts, goes to the SBE for approval.

ECONOMIC IMPACT

COST: N/A
FUND/SOURCE: _____

ATTACHMENTS

Attachments: ☒ yes ☐ no
(attachments must be submitted with synopsis)

Name of Attachments: Abbeville County School District's Waiver Request

RECOMMENDATION

The SCDE recommends the SBE approve Abbeville County School District's Waiver Request of Regulation 43-205 for Dixie High School that states, "Each school must be staffed with a fulltime properly certified principal/director whose duties and responsibilities must be prescribed by the district superintendent," with the waiver to remain in effect through 2018–19, which is the term of the district strategic and school renewal plan cycle.

ACTION REQUEST

FOR APPROVAL: ☒

FOR INFORMATION ONLY: ☐